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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED TEXT OF LETTER
FROM THE SECRETARY TO WALDHEIM. (S/S7511136)
FOR THE SECRETARYTHRU HARTMAN FROM ARMITAGE, ACTING
PROBLEM:

1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA
WILL CONVEENE AS SCHEDULED JUNE 5, AND SYG WALDHEIM WILL BE
LEAVING NEW YORK FOR VIENNA THE EVENING OF JUNE 3. IN VIEW
OF YOUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGES WITH WALDHEIM, YOU MIGHT WISH TO
SEND HIM A LETTER REPORTING ON YOUR MEETINGS IN ANKARA
AND BRUSSELS AND COMMENTING ON THE VIENNA TALKS.RECOMMENDATIO
THAT YOU APPROVE ATTACHED SUGGESTED TEXT FOR A LETTER TO BE
DELIVERED TO WALDHEIM BY AMBASSADOR SCALI.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR KURT: BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FOR VI-
ENNA I WANTED YOU TO HAVE SOME IMPRESSIONS FROM MY TRIP TO
ANKARA MAY 22-23 AND ON THE MEETINGS PRESIDENT FORD AND I
HAD WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS IN BRUSSELS MAY 29-30.
OUR CONVERSATIONS BOTH IN ANKARA AND IN BRUSSELS CONFIRMED
MY BELIEF THAT BOTH THE TURKISH AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS WISH
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TO MOVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE TOWARD A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

THE TURKISH LEADERS, HOWEVER, SAY THEY ARE OPERATING WITHIN SUCH A NARROW MAJORITY THAT THE VIEWS OF THEIR COALITION PARTNERS AND OF THE OPPOSITION, LED BY EX-PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, MUST BE BROUGHT INTO LINE BEFORE A FULL TURKISH NEGOTIATING POSITION CAN BE DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE GREEK SIDE. THIS WILL TAKE MORE TIME. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ADVISED THE TURKISH LEADERS THAT WE BELIEVE THE ATMOSPHERE IS FAVORABLE FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD A LONG-TERM CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, AND WE HAVE URGED THAT THEY MOVE RAPIDLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

3. I BELIEVE THE TURKISH SIDE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA TAKE PLACE IN A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE; AND CLERIDES WILL PROBABLY DO LIKEWISE. IT IS LESS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WILL AT THIS TIME BE READY TO NEGOTIATE THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF A SETTLEMENT OR MAKE SUBSTANTIAL GESTURES ON OTHER ISSUES. ALTHOUGH THIS IS DISAPPOINTING, IT WOULD NOT IN MY VIEW MEAN THAT THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION UNDER YOUR AUSPICES HAD REACHED AN IMPASSE. INDEED IT WOULD BE AN ACHIEVEMENT IN VIENNA IF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE KEPT MOVING FORWARD AND AN ADDITIONAL SESSION SCHEDULED SO THAT WHEN THE TURKISH SIDE HAS PREPARED ITS FULL POSITION, RAPID PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

4. WE WILL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO URGE EARLY MOVEMENT ON THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION. YOUR REPORTS TO ME DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS WERE MOST USEFUL, AND I WOULD WELCOME HAVING YOUR IMPRESSIONS AGAIN DURING THE COMING SESSION. WARM REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT

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